

# RICHMOND THE PLANET

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## Current Sporting Gossip.

### Johnson Says He Will Cover Jeff's Money Next Week.

New York Sun, July 30, 1909.  
Jack Johnson says he will be here next Tuesday to cover the \$5,000 forfeit posted by James J. Jeffries on Wednesday to bind a match for the heavyweight championship of the world. Johnson declares that he will post the full amount of the side bet, \$10,000, and will sign articles of agreement as soon as the proper time arrives. He favors San Francisco as the battleground which means that in all probability James Coffroth will get the match. The negro cannot get it out of his head, however, that Jeffries is not on the square and declares that he will not rest easy until he sees the boiler-maker actually in the ring.

"I will stop him inside of fifteen rounds!" is the colored man's prediction. "I hope he will be fit!"

Jeffries continued to receive congratulations from his friends all day yesterday. He repeated the statement that it was now up to Johnson to cover his money and agree to the terms offered. He also stated that he would be in his old condition when he entered the ring and that Johnson would prove as easy a mark as Jack Munroe. Jeffries, however, declined to say a word about the division of the purse. It is believed that he will insist on a winner's and loser's end, possibly 75 and 25 percent, in which case nobody can accuse the big fellow of naming unfair conditions. Jeff also believes that California is the place for the big mill and shows an inclination to do his training at Los Angeles. If Johnson puts up his coin next week he will set at rest all rumors that he does not want to meet Jeffries, but he will probably have to wait until some time in September before signing final articles of agreement. As Jeffries will not be ready to fight until three months after that incident, it is thought that the men will not settle their differences before the latter part of December or early in January.

Jeffries insists that he weighs only 235 pounds at the present time, although he looks much heavier. If he trains vigorously for three months he will surely reduce to a proper fighting weight, but he may find it a rather difficult matter to perfect his wind. Close friends of the boiler-maker have repeatedly asserted that a week breathing apparatus has been Jeffries's chief trouble and that it will require no end of strenuous work to overcome the ailment. The big fighter's willingness to meet Johnson in practically a finish fight, however, is taken to mean that he has perfect confidence in himself. But at the same time it is believed that the longer the battle the better it will be for the negro, whose remarkable defensive tactics are expected to enable him to stand an unlimited strain.

Jeff's assertion that he is still the champion and that he is now ready to defend his title against all comers particularly Johnson, has surprised some people. It was always believed that Jeff relinquished his title to Marvin Hart and that it passed into the hands of Tommy Burns when the latter beat Hart several years ago. Burns was recognized as the technical champion when Johnson stopped him last winter, and ever since then the big negro has been generally regarded as the title holder, in spite of the fact that he has deliberately sidestepped a signed agreement to box Sam Langford. Jeffries, if fit, is undoubtedly the greatest fighter in the world. He has never been defeated, and his willingness to return to the ring will convince hundreds of ring followers that he is the real champion.

For that matter, he says that he never gave up his title, but simply went into retirement after his ridiculous victory over Jack Munroe, because there were no first-class heavyweights left for him to subdue. He also states that he would never have returned to the ring if a white man had beaten Burns, and he further intimates that if Ketchel should defeat Johnson at Colma in October he will give up pugilism forever. Those sceptics who still have an idea that Jeffries has no idea of mulling again say that the big Californian regards the Ketchel-Johnson affair as a sort of anchor to windward. Jeffries has never regarded the negro as a first class pugilist, it is said, and has an idea deep under the belt that Ketchel, if he takes care of himself, can put the colored man away. The posting of forfeits and the signing of articles by Jeffries and Johnson can in no way prevent the Johnson-Ketchel deal, as forfeits are in the

hands of a stakeholder and Coffroth has the signature of both men to battle in his arena on October 12. When Ketchel heard that Jeffries had put up \$5,000 he said:

"Jeff is wasting his time. I am going to begin training in a week or so and will be in magnificent trim for the fight with Johnson. What is more, I am going to knock the colored man out and that will relieve Jeff of the responsibility. I know that I can outpunch Johnson and as hard hitting can win in nine cases out of ten, I will be the next heavyweight champion of the world. I am taking on weight now, but I am ready to fight Langford to a finish before I meet Johnson. Langford, however, does not want any of my game, for if he did he would have accepted a \$5,000 bonus to meet me at Ely, Nev., on Labor Day. That is more money than Langford ever got before, and yet he passed it up when he had a chance to whip me and win a fortune. Let me say, however, that if Johnson should beat me, Jeffries, if he is right, will stop him inside of ten rounds. Jeff is a wonderful fighter, the best the world has ever seen."

It's hot here and the work is tiresome. That's why they are all going to West Point with the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School August 11, 1909.

### Announcement.

Normal, Ala., Aug. 2.—Mrs. M. H. Council announces the engagement of her daughter, Ida Christine to Walter Solomon Buchanan, President of the A. and M. College, Normal, Ala. The marriage ceremony will take place August 24, 1909 at the Council residence, Normal, Ala.

Because of the recent bereavement there will be no invitations.

### Summer School at the Virginia T. S. and College.

Mr. Editor:—The summer school of this institution has continued with great success. Thirty-seven students were enrolled in the different departments. The corps consist of President J. R. L. Diggs, A. M. S. H. Clarke, Arithmetic, Algebra and Virginia History, J. W. Cromwell, Washington, D. C. Higher English, Civics, U. S. History and Ancient History.

Geo. McA. Sullivan, Physical and Grammar School Geography, Physiology and Pedagogy; Miss Alys V. O. Cox, Typewriting and business form. Among the visitors may be numbered, Rev. R. H. Bolling, D. D., of Norfolk, Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., of Richmond, Rev. W. R. Brown, D. D., of Roanoke.

Mr. Jackson Davis, Petersburg State Examiner for the second circuit, delivered a most helpful address, showing himself to be in hearty sympathy with the movement to improve and raise the standard of the colored school, of this State.

Mr. T. C. Walker, of Gloucester County, representing the Jeanes Fund delivered a most practical address to the teachers, giving them most timely hints for the lengthening of the school terms of the rural schools and for the increase of their influence in their respective communities.

J. W. CROMWELL.

### United Aid Insurance Company Fails. Receiver Appointed.

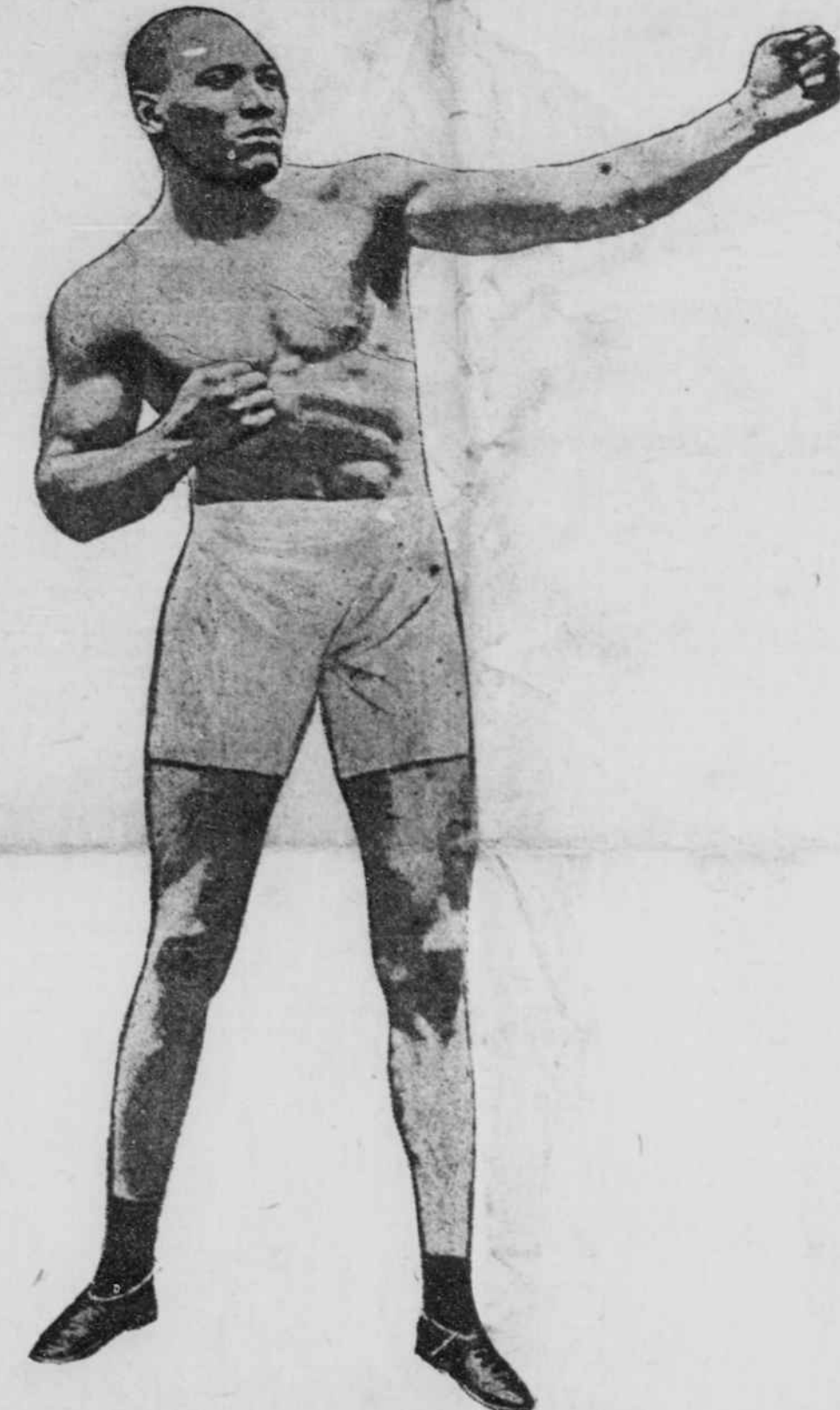
Against the United Aid Insurance Company, Judge Ingram, in the Law and Equity Court, last Wednesday issued a decree in the suit of Addie Griffith, plaintiff. Otis P. Walker is named as receiver for all property of the company, except \$10,000 of Roanoke city bonds. The receiver's bond is put at \$10,000.

The liabilities of the company to the American National Bank and the Commonwealth Bank, running up to \$4,000, have been paid, and on injunction previously granted is dissolved so far as \$4,000 worth of the Roanoke bonds are concerned, and \$6,000 worth of them are to be delivered to the receiver.

### To Take Over the Business.

The Richmond Beneficial Company has arranged to take over the business of the United Aid Insurance Company, although the appointment of a Receiver for the corporate matters of the company may complicate matters somewhat. This is the company formed by J. E. Byrd, Esq., who is now located in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, Pa., and is doing business for another concern.

## WILL FIGHT JEFFRIES.



**Jack Johnson, the Heavy-weight Champion of the World accepts the challenge of the Ex-Champion and posts \$5,000 in Chicago to bind the bargain. The deposit was made August 2, 1909.**

### FOUND DEAD ON PARLOR FLOOR KILLS HER CHILD WITH CALOMEL.

Unlighted Gas Jet Ends Life of James Alexander Bagby.

Stretched prone on the floor of his front parlor, James Alexander Bagby, of 909 West Marshall Street, was found dead by his brother, Brandt Bagby, at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The room was filled with the fumes of gas, and a burnt match and another, which had not been given, she got hold of the calomel, and the baby took sixty grains of it before she discovered her mistake.

The last seen of the dead man was on Fourth Street at 7 o'clock Saturday evening. It is now known what time he reached home. When a brother and a friend called yesterday morning to accompany him to a Bible class they were not able to open the door, and they entered the parlor through the window of a bedroom which adjoins in the rear. Bagby had evidently been dead for some time. He was in the house alone, for all the members of the family are out of town for the summer.

Coroner Taylor was notified, and he decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Bagby was a teamster by occupation. He was thirty-two years old. He leaves a wife and family.

### KILLS HER CHILD WITH CALOMEL.

Mother of Little William Mahone Gave Him Sixty Grains Through Error.

Mistaking calomel for certain powders which had been prescribed by a physician, the mother of William Mahone, a white child a year and a half old, gave him sixty grains of that medicine Friday morning, 6:15 P. M. He was accompanied by Miss M. L. Chiles, Grand Worthy Register of Deeds and Dr. E. R. Jefferson. Miss Chiles stopped with Rev. M. D. Williams, the well known pastor of the First Baptist Church. The initiation was appreciated by the ladies who joined. The new body will be known as Manassas Court, No. 148. The following are the officers: Worthy Counselor, Mrs. V. Johnson; Senior Directress, Mrs. Martha Penn; Junior Directress, Miss Louisa Stokes; Worthy Inspector, Miss Ruth Ford; Worthy Orator, Mrs. Chantle Harris; Register of Deeds, Miss Julia Green; Register of Accounts, Miss Georgia Thompson; Escort, Mrs. H. T. Cherry; Recorder of Deposits, Mrs. Georgia Conway; Herald, Mrs. Lucy Naylor; Protector, Mrs. Lucy Naylor; Trustees, Mrs. Chantle Howard, Mrs. Georgia Murray; Mrs. Martha Penn, Conductress; Mrs. Katie Harris, Assistant Conductress; Mrs. Edith Harris.

This court was organized through the efforts of Sir Homer T. Cherry. Rev. J. R. Conway, assisted. The feast served was heartily enjoyed by the visitors and the members of the new court.

Mr. Mitchell and party left here at 9:45 for Richmond via Washington.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

A New Court at Manassas—Fine Times There.

Manassas, Va., August 3.—A court of Calanthe, Knights of Pythias was organized here last night at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Grand Worthy Counselor John Mitchell, Jr., arrived here from Washington at 5:15 P. M. He was accompanied by Miss M. L. Chiles, Grand Worthy Register of Deeds and Dr. E. R. Jefferson. Miss Chiles stopped with Rev. M. D. Williams, the well known pastor of the First Baptist Church. The initiation was appreciated by the ladies who joined. The new body will be known as Manassas Court, No. 148. The following are the officers: Worthy Counselor, Mrs. V. Johnson; Senior Directress, Mrs. Martha Penn; Junior Directress, Miss Louisa Stokes; Worthy Inspector, Miss Ruth Ford; Worthy Orator, Mrs. Chantle Harris; Register of Deeds, Miss Julia Green; Register of Accounts, Miss Georgia Thompson; Escort, Mrs. H. T. Cherry; Recorder of Deposits, Mrs. Georgia Conway; Herald, Mrs. Lucy Naylor; Protector, Mrs. Lucy Naylor; Trustees, Mrs. Chantle Howard, Mrs. Georgia Murray; Mrs. Martha Penn, Conductress; Mrs. Katie Harris, Assistant Conductress; Mrs. Edith Harris.

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## Personals AND Otherwise.

Mr. James Richardson, of Hampton, Va., called on us.

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Darades, of Salem, Va., called on us.

Dr. Albert A. Tennant is building an addition to his residence at 1005 N. Fourth Street.

Mrs. W. F. Graham has been spending the summer at Hampton for several weeks.

Mrs. A. D. Price and son are taking an extended northern tour. They are expected home this week.

Rev. T. D. Atkins, D. D., Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va., was in the city this week.

Messrs. Oton Seldon and John E. Hall, of Manchester, accompanied by Mr. Pleasant Johnson, of Swansboro, called on us last week.

He stood on his head, but he has a ticket to go with the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School to West Point Aug. 11, 1909.

Rev. Braxton Dover, of Rose Garden, King William Co., Va., called on us. He was in attendance at the Quarter-Century celebration of the U. O. of T. R.

Miss H. B. Kyles and Miss Grace A. Peebles, of Washington, D. C., in company with Miss Fannie M. Robinson of this city, called on us.

Miss Carsie D. Isham spent last Sunday at Phoebus, Va., the guest of her sister Mrs. A. A. Graham.

Mrs. Virginia Smith, the wife of Capt. John G. Smith, is now able to be out again after a long and serious illness.

Mrs. R. Eleanor Wesley who has been indisposed has recovered sufficiently to leave this week for Burkeville, Va., where she will spend some time.

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Miss Beresenia N. the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Brown, who was quietly married on March 1st, to Dr. Ira E. Nash, has gone to join her husband in Buffalo, N. Y., where they will temporarily reside.

Miss Maud Lavina Pryor has returned from Brooklyn New York, to visit her mother and father Rev. and Mrs. James W. Pryor, of 8 1-2 E. Orange Street, Richmond, Va., and will be glad to see any of her friends.

Mrs. Nancy Thompson has returned from Brooklyn N. Y., to visit her friends and relatives of 2 E. Orange Street, Richmond, Va.

Mr. P. A. Chappelle, Chief of Atlanta Division, State Deputy for Florida and Georgia, Attorney at Law, and Mr. W. R. Griffin, Chief of the Washington Division and Treasurer of the Sight Seeing Automobile Co., called on us.

The New Baptist Church, Rev. A. B. Edwards, D. D., pastor is nearly ready to begin work on their new church building at the south-east corner of Duval and Fourth Streets. The architect is at work on the plans. It will be an attractive structure.

Mr. W. C. Smith, of Fifth Street, between Broad and Marshall has pulled down the old house adjoining the PLANET office and is erecting a two story building which will be used as a garage for automobiles. There is a movement on foot to purchase the PLANET office building owned by John Mitchell, Jr.

Dr. R. F. Boyd, the well known physician and surgeon has launched another bank at Nashville. It is known as the Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company. The officers are as follows: Dr. R. F. Boyd, President; A. N. Johnson, V. President; Dr. A. M. Townsend, V. President; Dr. A. Hart, V. President; T. G. Ewing, Cashier; W. D. Hawkins, Teller; S. P. Harris, Auditor; T. Clay Moore, Manager Real Estate Department; James Bumpass, Attorney, Executive Committee; Dr. J. B. Singleton, Chairman, Dr. R. F. Boyd, T. G. Ewing, Dr. Hale, J. W. Simmons.

We wish the new venture success. Your subscription to the PLANET is due. Have you paid it?

## PREACHER FLAYS STONE

Rev. Madison C. Peters Calls Missouri Senator White Coward.

New York, August 1.—A "white coward" was what Rev. Madison C. Peters called Senator Stone in his sermon at the Church of the Open Door, Brooklyn, to-night, during a review of the recent slapping incident between the senator and a negro waiter.

"Thank God," exclaimed Dr. Peters with great fervor, "Senator Stone belongs to a class that the public is not proud of—a class that is rapidly disappearing."

"It is the pitiable plight of the negro to-day to have no friends in either the pulpit or politics. It is emphasized by the silence following the Stone incident. I think the negro man in this incident was the southern gentleman."

"It is a pitiable travesty on justice to see one of our lawmakers, one of our powerful senators, allying such un-Christian views and stirring up so much race antagonism. It is sufficient to make blindfolded justice jump off her pedestal."

"Senator Stone and his whiskey glass on one hand and the poor negro waiter on the other offer notable parallels. The senator's action is directly opposite to the spirit of the age and the teaching of Christianity."

"If the negro was so inferior, why did Senator Stone pick a quarrel with him? It is safe to say the negro was not the senator's slave. I believe it is the foolishness of men like Senator Stone that is responsible for any existing negro impudence."

## Buys More Property.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank has purchased the property adjoining the site of the bank and having a frontage of thirty-three feet by one hundred and fifty feet for five thousand dollars. The building will be the same size as before 27 feet by 97 feet. This gives the bank a frontage on Clay street of 64 feet.

The tenants will vacate the premises by September 1st, 1909, and then the work will be pushed on the new building.

## Why He Was Discharged.

It is now stated that the police officer recently dismissed from the police force was found in a compromising situation with a colored man's wife. The colored man would not be comforted and the discharge of the officer was the result. Criminal proceedings may yet be instituted against him.

The rainy weather has been a blessing to the farmers in this state. Many springs and wells had dried up as a result of the long drought.

Dr. Wm. Troy, of Franklin, Va., was in the city this week.

Have the PLANET sent to your address. It is only 50 cents for 6 months.

## True Reformers Celebrate.

The Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers celebrated the Quarto-Centennial of their existence last Tuesday by a creditable street parade and by speaking at the Broad Street Baseball Park. Capt. B. A. Graves was Chief Marshal. President W. L. Taylor rode in a carriage surrounded by his aides. There were two bands, which discoursed lively airs.

The exercise at the park were interesting and able addresses were delivered. Many citizens decorated in honor of the occasion and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves who participated in the festivities. There were many visitors from other states and cities.

## \$150.00 Endowment Paid.

Roanoke, Va., July 20, 1909.

This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A. S. A., E. A. A. and A., (\$150.00) One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the death-claim of Brother W. H. Reid, who was a member of Key West Lodge, No. 76, of Roanoke, Va.

Her X Mark,  
Signed: MRS. ELIZA WILLIAMS, Beneficiary.  
Witness:  
K. M. Robinson, M. D.,  
H. C. Johnson, K. of R.,  
Dr. I. D. Burrell, D. D., G. C. C.